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Kit
R.J. Williams
Rebecca
Sally Struthers
Panther Pilot
Corey Burton
Nancy
Kimmy Robertson
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Corey Burton
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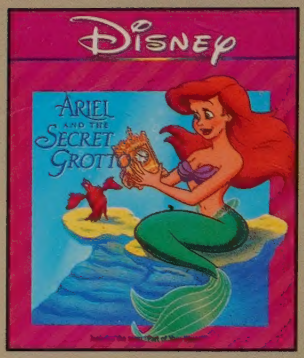

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In the highest office of the tallest building in Cape Suzette sat one of the world's wealthiest tycoons, Shere Khan. Today he was busy planning the details of his annual Air Hunt contest. Nearby, an assistant took notes as Mr. Khan drummed his razor-sharp claws on the cold marble desk. "McWhirtley, I want you to increase the prize money in this year's Air Hunt to ten thousand dollars."

Young McWhirtley tapped his pencil, nervously. "But, sir, that's twice as much money as last year! We really shouldn't take chances like th... ERRK!"

Khan snagged his assistant by the wind pipe. "Let me 'remind' you, McWhirtley, that I never leave anything to chance."

The young man grinned weakly. "Of course not, sir!"

Meanwhile at Higher for Hire, Rebecca Cunningham raced down the dock with a flyer in her fist. "Wake up, Baloo! I just entered you in the Khan Industries' Air Hunt contest!"

Baloo rolled over in his hammock. "Forget it, Becky. That contest is rigged! Every year, Khan sponsors that shindig, and every year *his* pilots win it. Nothin' you could say would change my mind, Beckers."

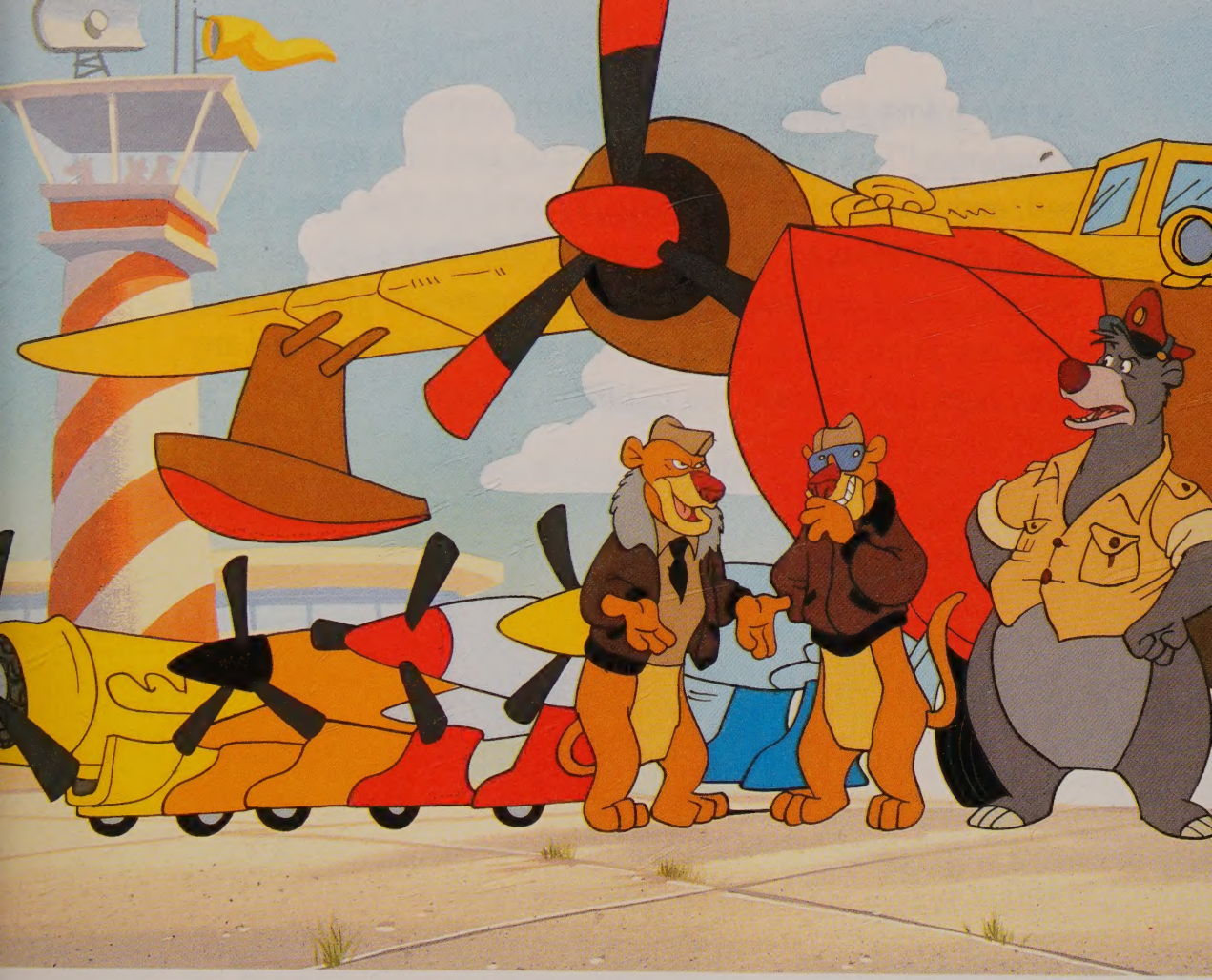
But Rebecca wouldn't give up. "If we could win this contest, we'd get lots of customers, Baloo! Besides, this year it's a *worldwide* hunt!"

Baloo shot up like a rocket and dived into the Sea Duck, digging through his junk. "Have you seen my camera, Becky?"

Rebecca ducked a flying boot. "What do you want it for?"

"So I can take pictures of all those places I've never been! Ooo, baby, I always wanted to fly around the world."

"That's the spirit, Baloo! And don't forget to win, OK?"



The next day, fliers from all over were lined up for the big Air Hunt, especially Khan's ace panther pilots. The squadron leader pointed at the Sea Duck and laughed. "You don't stand a chance, Baloo. Why don't you quit right now?"

"Not on your tin-type, pal! I'm not only gonna win this little contest, I'm gonna drum up lots of business for Rebecca, too! Have fun catchin' up!"

As the pilots gathered, Shere Khan stepped to the microphone. "The Air Hunt is the true test of a pilot's skill, speed, endurance, and ingenuity. Therefore, this year, the winner shall receive... ten thousand dollars."

As the crowd applauded, Khan whispered to McWhirtley, "Since my pilots cheat, *they* always win. That way I get my money back and lots of free publicity, besides."

Just then a young pilot named Nancy tugged at Shere Khan's coat. "I may be new to flying but I'm going to win that prize!" At that, the crowd broke into laughter.

Khan chuckled. "Of course you will, my dear." Then he waved the starting flag and the pilots rushed to their planes.

Khan's panther pilots roared off first, leaving a wake of very rough and windy air. As the other planes took off, tricky air drafts bumped and bounced them so much that they had to slow down to keep from crashing. Baloo was furious. "Man, those panthers will pull any dirty trick to win! No decent pilot would ever treat another pilot like this!"

As soon as Baloo steered the Sea Duck into calm sky, he turned to his navigator, Kit Cloudkicker. "Read that list of goodies we gotta get, Li'l Britches!"

"Okay, Papa Bear. Wow! We've got to find things from *ten* different countries. That's a lot of traveling!"

Baloo chuckled. "Kit-boy, I'm looking forward to it."

Kit checked his map. "Head west by north-west, Baloo."

The first stop in the Air Hunt was East Gafia. But just as Baloo neared its snow-covered mountains, he was buzzed by two of Khan's pilots! "These jokers are crowding me toward those rocks! They're trying to make us crash!"

Kit shouted out the window. "Beat it, you dirty cheats!"

But the pilots swooped over the Sea Duck again! Baloo grabbed the controls and banked the plane sideways, taking it through a narrow canyon. "Ha-ha! We're safe now, Kit!"

"Yeah, but we're way off course, Papa Bear."

Baloo pointed. "I don't think so, Kit. Look down there!"

As the Sea Duck landed, Kit saw a herd of shaggy creatures. "Yaks! That's the first item on our list—a genuine yak flea collar!"

Baloo grinned as he neared the herd. "Guess Khan's flyboys helped us more than they hurt us. We're winning, Li'l Britches! What's the next stop?"

"Head for the Yoocan Jungle, Papa Bear."

As the Sea Duck approached the Yoocan Jungle, Baloo searched for a rare tropical bird. But once again, Khan's pilots buzzed the Sea Duck and wouldn't let Baloo land. "It looks like we need a plan, Kit."

"Okay, Papa Bear! Leave it to me!" Kit snapped open his airfoil. Hanging from a tow rope, he glided down to just above the treetops and snagged a Yoocan Toucan right out of the air! "That's two!"

Halfway round the world in the Sea of Kangaroon sat a lovely island where Baloo picked up the next item—a rare seashell. But before heading off to the next location, Baloo stopped to listen to a local musician. "Man, what a beat! What do you call that crazy drum!"

The musician smiled. "It's a Kabongah."

Soon Baloo was hopping and bopping to the snappy sound. Kit pleaded, "Come on, Baloo. We've got to get moving!"

"Relax, kid. I came on this trip to see the world." Baloo liked the drum so much, he bought it. "Maybe Becky will like it as a souvenir!"

After another long flight, Kit and Baloo arrived at the Great Wall of Mynah, where they acquired one of the famous mimic bricks. "Hey, Kit-boy, snap my photo by the Wall!"

"...by the wall, by the wall, by the wall..." the brick echoed.

"Man, won't this be fun on the rest of the trip!"

"...rest of the trip, rest of the trip, rest of the trip..."

Just then, Baloo spotted Khan's men rummaging through the Sea Duck. Kit and Baloo raced to the nearby airfield. "Hey, leave my baby alone, you goons!"

"...you goons, you goons, you goons..." the brick repeated, as it was hurled at the villains. But Baloo was too late. The pilots had already dumped out his fuel and stolen all his items for the hunt!

As the panther pilots took off, one of them called back to Baloo. "You'll never win now, smart guy. There goes your boss's new customers! But, here, maybe you can drum up some business with this!" And he tossed the Kabongah down to Baloo.

Dejected, Baloo sat with Kit on the empty runway. "The Air Hunt is over for us, Li'l Britches. We'll never catch up now. I lost the prize money *and* let Becky down."

But what really hurt Baloo the most was that he wouldn't get to visit the rest of the great places in the Air Hunt.

As Baloo moped back to his plane, a young man in a tuxedo rushed toward him. "Say, is that a snare drum?"

Baloo shook his head. "Sorry, pal, it's something called a Kabongah."

"Well, I'm supposed to be playing with my band in a half-hour and the airline lost my snare drum! Mind if I borrow your Kabongah? It just might work."

Baloo shrugged. "I've lost everything else—you might as well have this, too. Maybe it'll bring you some luck."

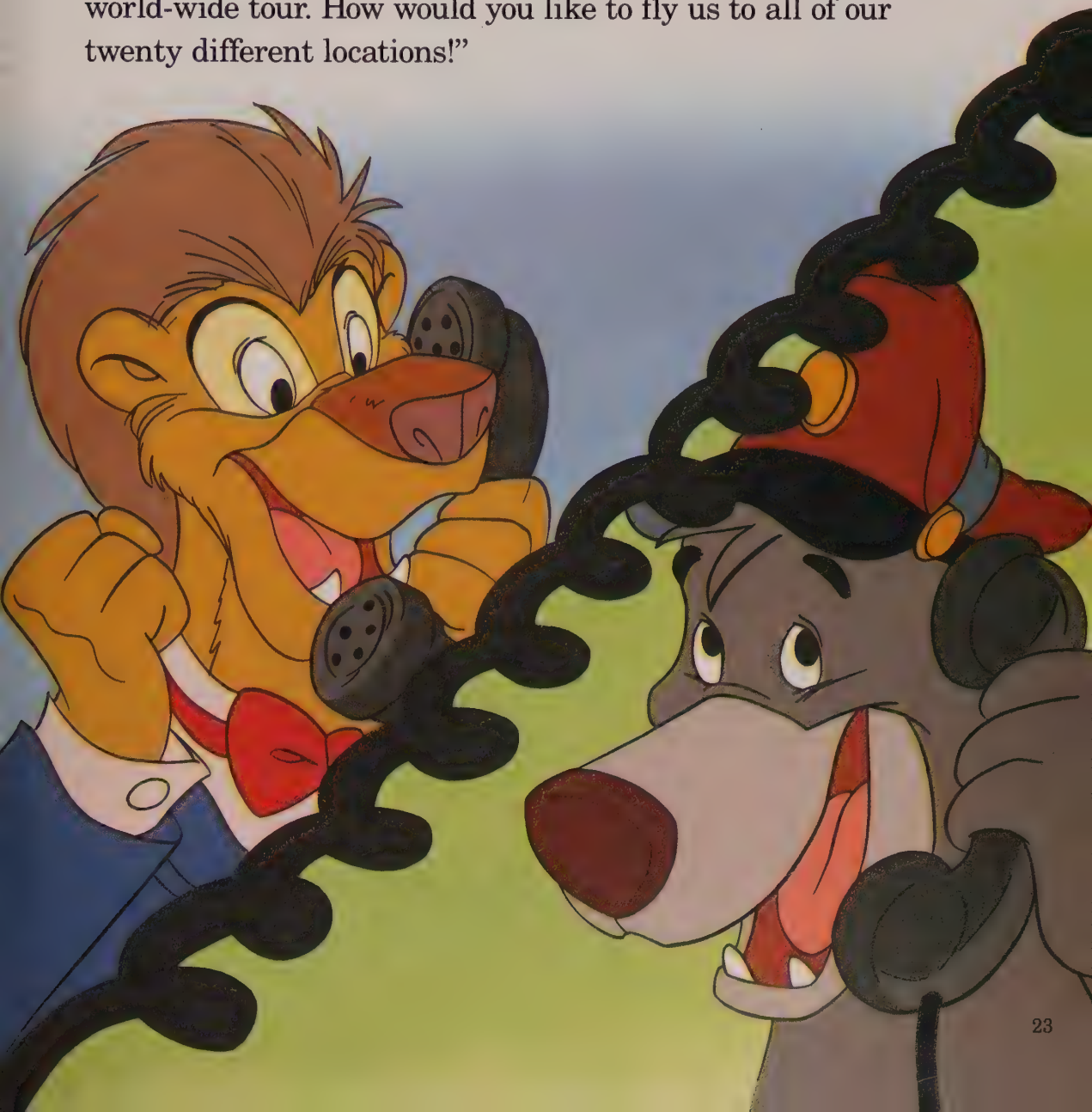
"Gee, thanks! I won't forget it!"

Back at Higher for Hire, Rebecca apologized to Baloo. "I should have listened to you when you said Khan cheated. I suppose we'll just have to find our business some other way. Oh, well, at least Khan's men didn't win this year."

Baloo was stunned. "They didn't? Who did?"

"That little pilot, Nancy. Seems no one paid attention to her, and she slipped in first. Boy, was Shere Khan mad!"

Suddenly, the phone rang. It was the young drummer calling. "I just wanted to tell you that the Kabongah was a big hit with our audiences. It was so successful that we've been booked for a world-wide tour. How would you like to fly us to all of our twenty different locations!"



Baloo threw the phone in the air. "YAHOO! Pack your bags, Li'l Britches, we're going globe hoppin'! And Becky, we've got enough business to last for the rest of the year!"

Kit hugged Rebecca. "Looks like Baloo got the last laugh on Khan's pilots. He DID drum up business after all!"

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BALOO

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SHERE KHAN

Occupation:
President and Chairman of the Board for Khan Industries.
Favorite Pastime:
Buying, selling, cheating or nailing the competition.
Favorite Color:
New-dollar green.
Favorite Food:
Someone else's.
Favorite Saying:
"When it comes to business there are the eaters--and the eaten."

Anyone who gets in Shere Khan's way is in trouble, and that sometimes includes the friendly folks at Higher for Hire.

Autograph

TALESPIN

BALOO

Occupation:
Top-Fun Pilot for Higher for Hire.
Favorite Pastimes:
Relaxing, goofing off and bugging Rebecca.
Favorite Color:
Sky-High blue.
Favorite Music:
Anything with a cool beat.
Favorite Food:
Lots.
Favorite Saying:
"Don't trouble me with trouble man, I'm gone!'

Good natured and a little sloppy, Baloo never plans ahead, but he always gets out of hot spots without losing his cool.

BALOO

Autograph

TALESPIN

KIT

Occupation:
Being a kid. Navigating for Baloo.
Favorite Pastimes:
Memorizing everything about anything that flies and wind skateboarding on his airfoil.
Favorite Food:
Louie's huge ice cream sundaes.
Favorite Subject in School:
Recess.
Favorite Saying:
"Just wait'till I'm old enough to get my pilot's license !

As Baloo's chief navigator, Kit often keeps "Papa Bear" on course, on time, and out of trouble !

Kit

Autograph

TALESPIN

Seaduck

Type:
Conwing L-16.Engines: Superflight-100.
Model Year:
Been around a long time.
Special Equipment:
Munchies Bar; Auto drive so Baloo can nap.
Speed:
As fast as Baloo can push it.

The Sea Duck is Baloo's cargo plane, and he can put her through mid-air tricks that are unbelievable !

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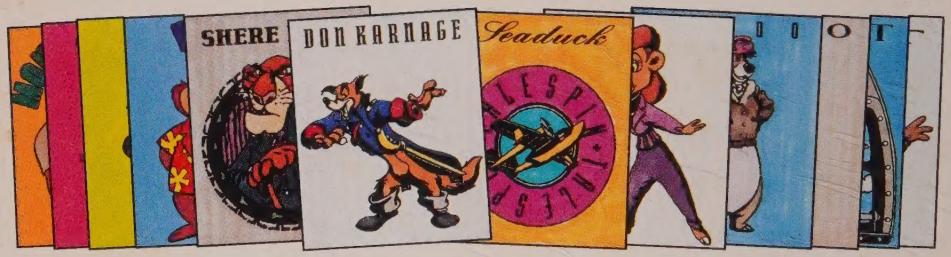

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